THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Widening works are in progress on NH-1 A, NH-1 B, NH-1C, NH-1 D and amount spent on such works in Jammu & Kashmir during last three years are as follows:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)		
	NHAI	BRO	Total
2004-05	20.81.	18.65	39.46
2005-06	117.91	46.00	163.91
2006-07	154.54	131.69	286.23

No amount has been spent in Rajouri and Poonch districts.

(c) Fund requirement for widening of NH-1A (up to Srinagar) to four-lane and NH-IA(Srinagar-Uri) NH-1B, NH-1Cand NH-1D, mostly to two lane and targets for widening are as follows:

NH No.	Amount (Rs/crore).	Target
NH-IA(uptoSringar)	7500.00	2012
NH-1A.(SrinagartoUri)	403.45	2010
NH1B	603.10	2011
NH 1C	12.50	2008
NH1D	770.81	2012

Poor maintenance of NHs

†2689. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that repairing work of roads on National Highways identified under NHDP are not being cleared by the Centre; and

(b) if so, who shall be accountable for poor condition of roads for want of proper maintenance of National Highways during this period?

†Originai notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Wherever 4/6 laning works under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) are under implementation, their maintenance is carried out by the Contractors/Concessionaire to keep them in traffic worthy condition, as part of their obligations under contract/concession agreement. In case of the sections which have been identified under NHDP but 4/6 laning have not yet started, the maintenance of existing roads is carried out by NHAI, State Public Works Departments (PWDs)/Border Road Organisation (BRO) through funds provided by the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways.

Road Accidents

2690. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of road accidents in 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) whether it is a fact that every year there is a steep rise in number of accidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof giving the deaths, serious injuries and loss of property in monetary terms, State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that Rajkot ranks and third amongst the big cities of the country in road accidents; and

(e) what steps are taken to avoid road accidents or to minimize them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) As reported by the States/UTs, the details regarding number of road accidents on all the roads during the years 2003,2004 and 2005 (the lates available data) are as under:—

Year	Road Accidents
2003*	406726
2004*	429910
2005(P)*	439255

P=Provisional *Calender year-wise

(b) No Sir,